

### **REMARKS**

By the present amendment, claims 2 to 9 are pending in the application.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 5 and 9 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75 (c) as being in improper form for being multiple dependent claims dependent from a multiple dependent claim.

In response to this objection, claims 5 and 9 have been amended by the present amendment. By the present amendment, multiple dependent claims 5 and 9 are no longer dependent on another multiple dependent claim.

In view of the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the objection to dependent claims 5 and 9 be withdrawn.

#### **§102**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japan No. 8-269558.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been canceled.

Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) is now moot.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action advises at page 4 that claims 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 are allowed.

The Office Action further advises at page 4 that improper multiple dependent claims 5 and 9 will be allowable once their dependency has been corrected.

By the present amendment, dependent claims 5 and 9 have been amended to correct their dependency.

It is therefore submitted that by the present amendment, claims 2 to 9 are in condition for allowance.

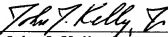
**CONCLUSION**

It is submitted that in view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed and passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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